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SUBJECT: MEETING ON GOVERNMENT PURCHASING : SEPTEMBER 15

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1. SECRETARIAT HAS CIRCULATED (TFD/TD/874) FOLLOWING
CANADIAN SUGGESTIONS FOR AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 15 MEETING.
SECRETARIAT PROPOSES THESE COULD BE TAKEN INTO CON-
SIDERATION UNDER AN ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM (TO EXTENT
NOT ALREADY COVERED BY DRAFT AGENDA ISSUED RECENTLY -
REFTEL). BEGIN TEXT:

"IN THE LIGHT OF THE RECENT LACK OF PROGRESS
(MOST NOTABLY AT THE LAST MEETING), THE CANADIAN
DELEGATION IS OF THE VIEW THAT WORK MAY HAVE PRO-

CEEDED AS FAR AS POSSIBLE OUTSIDE OF NEGOTIATING CON-
TEXT. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE WORKING PARTY NOW SHOULD BE
TO FINALISE THE DRAFT INSTRUMENT WHICH WILL CONTAIN A
NUMBER OF SQUARE BRACKETS ON UNRESOLVED ISSUES AND TO
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/HIGHLIGHT THE NATURE OF THE DIFFICULTIES OF UNRESOLVED

ISSUES.

ACCORDINGLY, CANADA WOULD WISH TO SEE THE SECRETARIAT PREPARE FOR THE SEPTEMBER MEETING, A CHECK-LIST OF UNRESOLVED ISSUES WHICH WOULD BE REVIEWED BY THE WORKING PARTY . IT WOULD NOT BE OUR INTENTION TO HAVE A DISCUSSION ON EACH ISSUE, BUT DELEGATIONS WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO INDICATE ANY CHANGE IN THEIR POSITION OR TO MAKE NEW PROPOSALS. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS EXERCISE, WE WOULD WISH TO HAVE THE SECRETARIAT PREPARE, FOR REVIEW AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING TO THE SEPTEMBER MEETING, A SHORT NOTE ON EACH OF THE UNRESOLVED ISSUES INDICATING THE NATURE OF THE DIFFICULTIES. THE DRAFT INSTRUMENT TOGETHER WITH THESE NOTES COULD THEN BE TRANSMITTED AS A PACKAGE TO THE

TRADE COMMITTEE.

WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE FOLLOWING CONSTITUTE UNRESOLVED AREAS OF THE DRAFT INSTRUMENT: PARAGRAPHS

2, 4, 5(A), 7(A), 7(B), 14, 20, 27, 32, 35 AND PARTS III AND IV/V.

AT THE LAST MEETING, DELEGATIONS UNDERTOOK TO REVIEW IN THEIR CAPITALS WHAT MIGHT BE AGREED UPON AS REGARDS STATISTICS AND WE WOULD ALSO HOPE TO HAVE A SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE."

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